1	2	3
Group «C'		
10. Library & Information Assistant		4 (2006-07)
11. Mechanic		1 (2006-07)
12. Preservation Assistant		2 (2007-08)
13. Electrician		1 (2006-07)
14. Binder		2 (2006-07)
Group 'D'		
15. Mender		3 (2004-05)

ASI agreement with IIT

4172. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has entered into an agreement with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur to introduce various scientific applications in archaeology for capacity building of ASI officers in scientific methodologies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to set up a National Centre for Archaeological Sciences and Technology in its Campus; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and IIT, Kanpur entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 5th February, 2007 for short and long term training programmes for capacity building in the application of modern technology in archaeology. Under this MoU, three modules, *viz.,* Plane Surveying and Global Positioning System (GPS), Geographical Information System (GIS) and Archaeomaterials have been approved for training.

(c) and (d) A Centre for Archaeological Sciences and Technologies (CAST) has been established in IIT, Kanpur in January, 2008. The objective of this Centre is to facilitate multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary research and development activities to strengthen development of science and technology in archaeological applications and cultural resource management.

Chemical preservation works of ancient monuments

4173. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes chemical preservation works to protect the ancient monuments and temples;

(b) if so, the details of works undertaken in Andhra Pradesh, the allocation made and utilized for the purpose, in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether any slippages have been noticed in the targets fixed for completing the chemical works; and